

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, September 9, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Twin Oaks, Washington, D. C. Sunday, Sept. 9,(1906.) Dear Alec:

Your and Mr. McDermid's telegrams were a tremendous comfort because if I were needed at home I would have had to go, as it is I want to stay here a few days longer as we are not quite satisfied about the little Alexander. He has not gained anything since he was born and while they all say he is a perfectly healthy baby with good heart and lungs, still you can not feel that he is all right when three weeks after his birth he weighed less than then. Today he weighs probably as much, but neither Mamma nor I think Daisy can satisfy him. She has lost twenty pounds in the three weeks, of which Alexander himself represents seven and a half at most. They said he weighed 8 ½, but found afterwards that the scales were wrong. Daisy is very bright and I think fully as strong as one could expect, but very thin, which is not surprising. I think she is perfectly well and the doctors don't propose any change, but I want to see her building up a little before I leave. I hope this will be by Wednesday at latest, then I go to Bethel with Mamma for a couple of days or so and then home. But it is the greatest comfort to feel that I can thus hope to leave Daisy without anxiety, instead of having to go now and being torn between Baddeck and Washington. It would be an awful big tear wouldn't it? A thousand miles long.

Mrs. Melville Bell is here going over her things preparatory to distributing them between C.B. Ontario and Victoria. She spoke to me about her share of the property. Whether to leave it to the A.A.S.T.D. or to some other thing which Mr. Bell was interested in—Miss Thompson and Mr. Curry. I advised her to consult you first as she did not want to leave her money to anything that was not likely to succeed. She said of course not, all she wanted was to help any enterprise in which your father was interested and which would

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carry on his work and name. I said I thought you gave your share to the A.A. etc. with the understanding that your father's work in U. S. was to be especially promoted. This was about all that was said.

It is warm here now, but being dry I don't think it at all uncomfortable.

I hope your promising experiments came out well. Why don't you send on the copy of Burr letter I have telegraphed for twice. I want Charlie to see it before I leave. He did not really read it he admits and I want him to before I go. I think this important. Did you send for Scribner? I think the article appreciative anyhow. I have the papers. They were sent to me instead of to you and make such a big bundle it seems as if it were better to send the copies from here instead of paying expressage to Baddeck.

I am as ever, Yours, Mabel. In fact I love you a tiny wee bit.